

# GREEN GRAM

King County Solid Waste Division

The Newsletter for Green Teams in King County



HAPPY **NEWYEAR** 2001!



### GREEN TEAMS IN ACTION!

Read about "green deeds" in classrooms all over King County!

- Cindy Plett's 3rd/4th grade Lake Wilderness Elementary School Green Team is taking on a big challenge. They are helping their entire school start recycling paper. The class has researched facts about recycling and is preparing short skits as a way to educate other classes. They are also saving up CDs (the unsolicited junk mail type) to reuse in arts projects. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!
- Kate Atvar's 3rd grade science class at Faith Lutheran School in Redmond started a new school worm bin just outside their classroom. This Green Team is feeding the worms and watching them go to work recycling old food scraps.

With help from Youth Director Mike Davies, 30 Federal Way Boys and Girls Club youth collected aluminum cans for a recycling drive this fall. What a success it turned out to be! Participants collected over 13,600 cans! One 8 year-old girl and her family collected 5,752 alone! WOW

Mary Mondt's 4th grade Green Team at Lea Hill Elementary learned about reuse this fall. Every month they used materials

like lunchroom milk cartons and bottles to make functional art projects. Some of their projects included bird feeders, haunted houses and animal habitats.

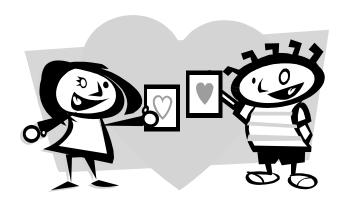
At Beverly Park Elementary, Mrs. Maury's 4th grade, and Mrs. Hanson's 3rd grade Green Teams learned about classroom recycling. They created posters to hang in the school halls. They also had the idea of taking their home to share with and educate their families.

Green Team recognition! Great prizes, like recycled water bottles and cloth tote bags, are available for Green Teams that successfully complete projects. Better yet, Green Team accomplishments can be highlighted in the next Green Gram newsletter.

If you have a Green Team story or project to share, you can reach Sara by phone at (206) 583-0655 or send her an email and let her know what your class is doing. saragr@triangleassociates.com

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## VALENTINES DAY

IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CUT DOWN ON WASTE?

Don't buy new cards! Show your class how to make cards out of materials they already own. It's simple and fun.



- Step 1: Save up those scraps of construction paper that usually go into the recycling bin, especially red and pink colors.
- Step 2: Bring in old magazines from home and tear out cool pictures and words.
- Step 3: Get glue, scissors and some markers or crayons and create a one-of-a-kind collage.
- Step 4: For a nice final touch, punch a hole in the bottom and then tie it closed with left-over holiday ribbon.



#### Calling all Earth Heroes!

Is your class doing something positive for the environment? Send us your photos and we'll post them on the King County web site. Send photos to Sara at:

> Triangle Associates 811 1st Ave. Suite #255 Seattle, WA 98104

#### Girl Scouts Can Earn A Household Hazardous Waste Patch

Do you have Junior Girl Scouts in your classes (grades 4-6)? Let them know that the "Be Toxic Free" patch is easier than ever to earn in just one Saturday morning workshop! For more info and workshop dates call:

Leigh Ann Kohlmeyer (206) 633-5600 ext. 211 at the Girl Scouts Totem Council or Julia Berg (206) 263-3042 at King County's Household Hazardous Waste School Program. http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/ teachers/opportunities.htm.

#### LEAVE A LEGACY...

Also, consider joining King County's Earth Legacy Program which recognizes

environmental programs, people, and companies working together to improve and enhance air, land, and water quality. To join or learn how to participate, visit www.metrokc.gov/ earthlegacy/.